

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1909, construction of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Dante, South Dakota, began by the people of Czechoslovakian heritage desiring to retain the Czech language and customs; and,

Whereas, On August 15, 1910, the church was dedicated on the Feast of the Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary; and,

Whereas, The parish was served by Czechoslovakian-speaking priests from 1910 to 1972, beginning under the leadership of their first priest, Fr. Wenceslaus Mikolasek; and,

Whereas, The Assumption Church has been served by 30 priests over the past 100 years, and God has blessed the membership with over 150 families; and,

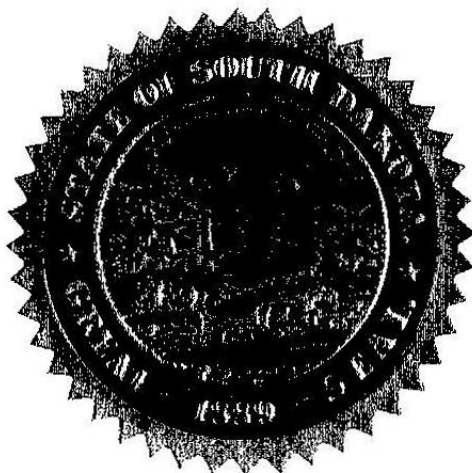
Whereas, This 100th Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, August 15, 2010, with a special service celebrated by Bishop Paul J. Swain, along with former parish priests and a special dinner to recognize and honor this important occasion:

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the governor to give special recognition to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church for its past, present, and future service to the community of Dante and the surrounding area, as area residents celebrate the 100th Anniversary in the life of this church:

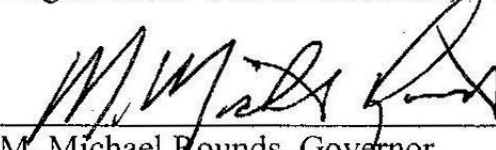
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2010, as

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH DAY


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State